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ABSOLUTE POWER TIE-IN

GREEN LANTERN



ADAMS
PASARIN
ALBERT
FAJARDO JR.

13+
TEEN



ALSO FEATURING:
**THE SHADOW
LANTERNS**

GUGGENHEIM · ROBERTSON · RODRIGUEZ

KEEPING HEROES IN LINE WITH A SNAP OF HER FINGERS!

JENNY SPARKS



THE LEADER OF
THE AUTHORITY
RETURNS FOR
THE 21ST CENTURY IN
AN ACTION-PACKED
NEW SERIES!

From Eisner Award winner

TOM KING

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JEFF SPOKES



**BLACK
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Ages 17+

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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND
JOE SHUSTER. BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH THE JERRY SIEGEL FAMILY.



MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN,
AND I JUST BROKE OUT
OF A SUPER-PRISON.
I FOUND MY RING, AND...
IS THAT KITE MAN'S KITE?
AWWW HELL NO...

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON.
A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE
WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR
SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW
WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE
FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY
BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF
UNSTOPPABLE AMAZOS BUILT BY WALLER'S
ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

ABSOLUTE POWER

...WALLER HAS
AN ARSENAL HERE.

GOOD...

ANY IDEA
WHERE THIS
STUFF IS
HEADED?

DON'T KNOW,
DON'T CARE. I'M JUST
GLAD WE DON'T HAVE
TO STAY HERE WITH
THOSE... *THINGS*
FLYING AROUND.

YEAH...
THE *AMAZOS*
CREEP ME
OUT TOO.

HEY,
RANDY...IS
THAT A...
TOP?

SPINN

FWAGGHH



NEXT TIME I'M FIGHTING TOYMAN, I'LL HAVE TO THANK HIM FOR HOW EFFECTIVE THESE THINGS ARE.

THWACK!



I BELIEVE THAT BELONGS TO ME.

YOU CAN'T JUST--



CRASH!



PIECE OF CAKE...



HEY, STOP!

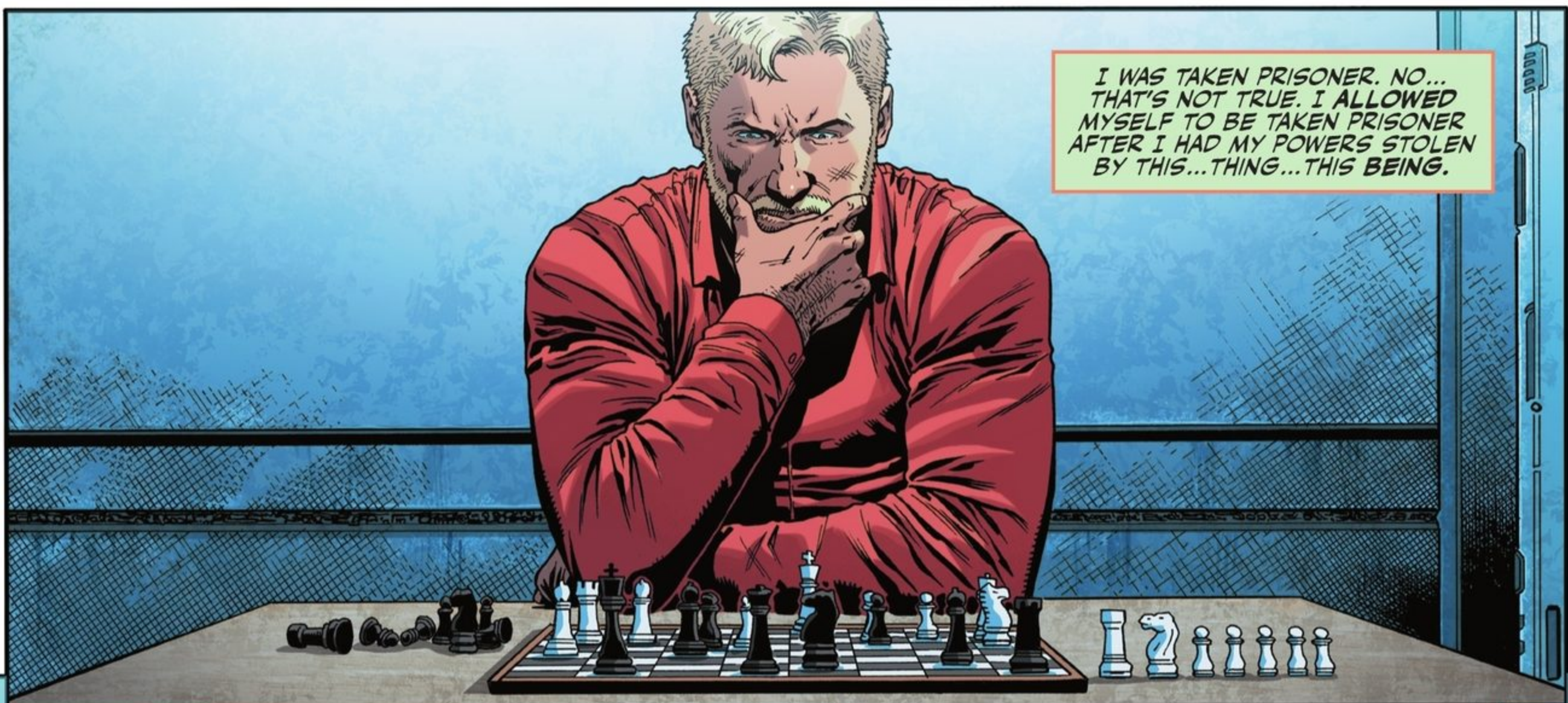


HAD TO OPEN MY BIG MOUTH...

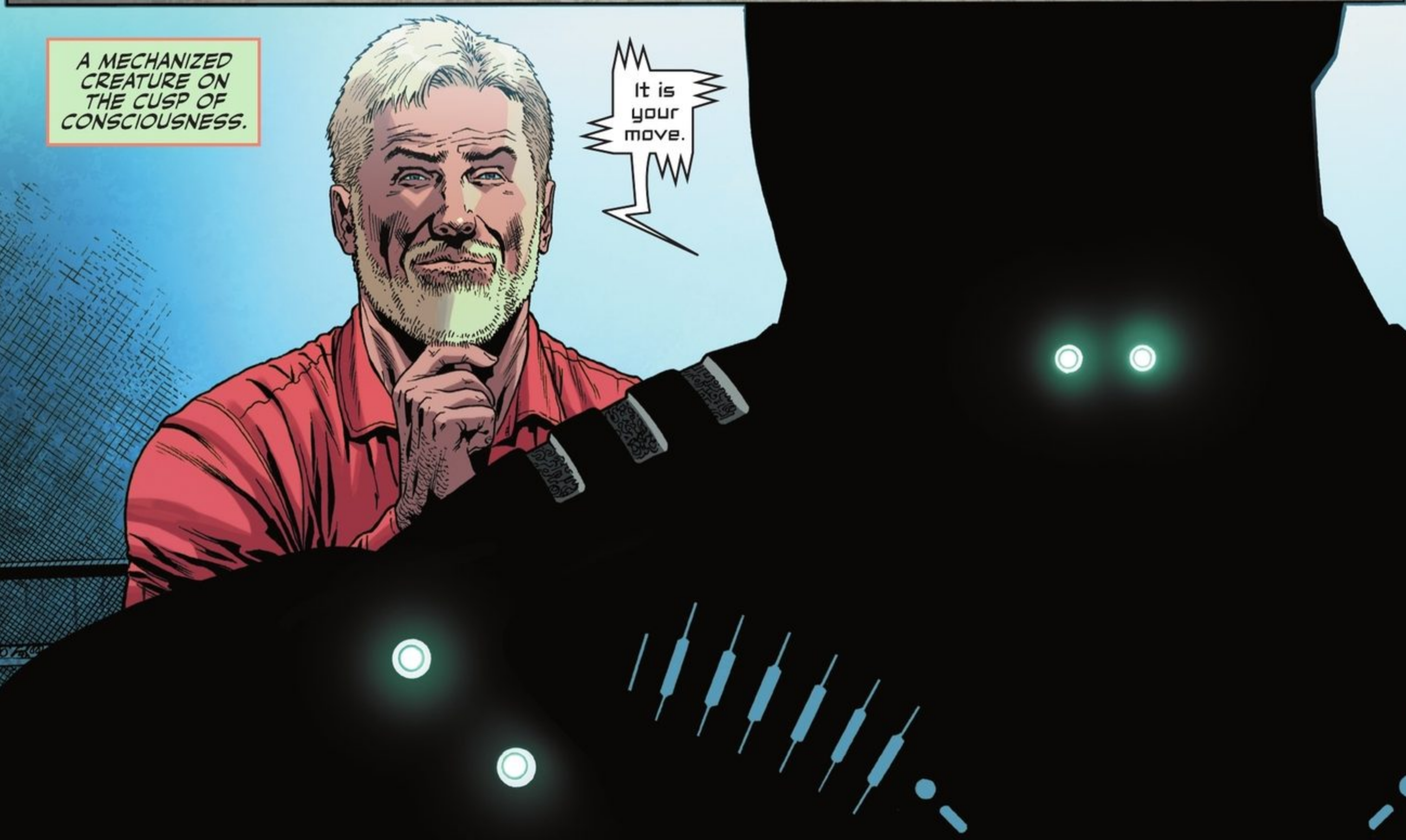
WOOP!
WOOP!



MY NAME IS
ALAN SCOTT.



I WAS TAKEN PRISONER. NO...
THAT'S NOT TRUE. I ALLOWED
MYSELF TO BE TAKEN PRISONER
AFTER I HAD MY POWERS STOLEN
BY THIS...THING...THIS BEING.



A MECHANIZED
CREATURE ON
THE CUSP OF
CONSCIOUSNESS.

It is
your
move.

IT IS...
ISN'T IT...



THIS IS THE AMAZO ROBOT WALLER SENT AFTER ME. BUT WHAT SHE DIDN'T KNOW... COULDN'T KNOW, IS THAT WHEN IT ABSORBED PART OF MY STARHEART ENERGY, IT MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING ELSE. IT MIGHT HAVE GIVEN ITSELF FREE WILL.*

Your processor is slow. I have already determined that you will lose in three moves.

I'VE COME TO CALL IT...
JADESTONE.

*AS SEEN IN ABSOLUTE POWER:
TASK FORCE VII #3! --PK



THREE MOVES, HUH... I FIGURED FOUR, BUT... YOU'D KNOW, WOULDN'T YOU?

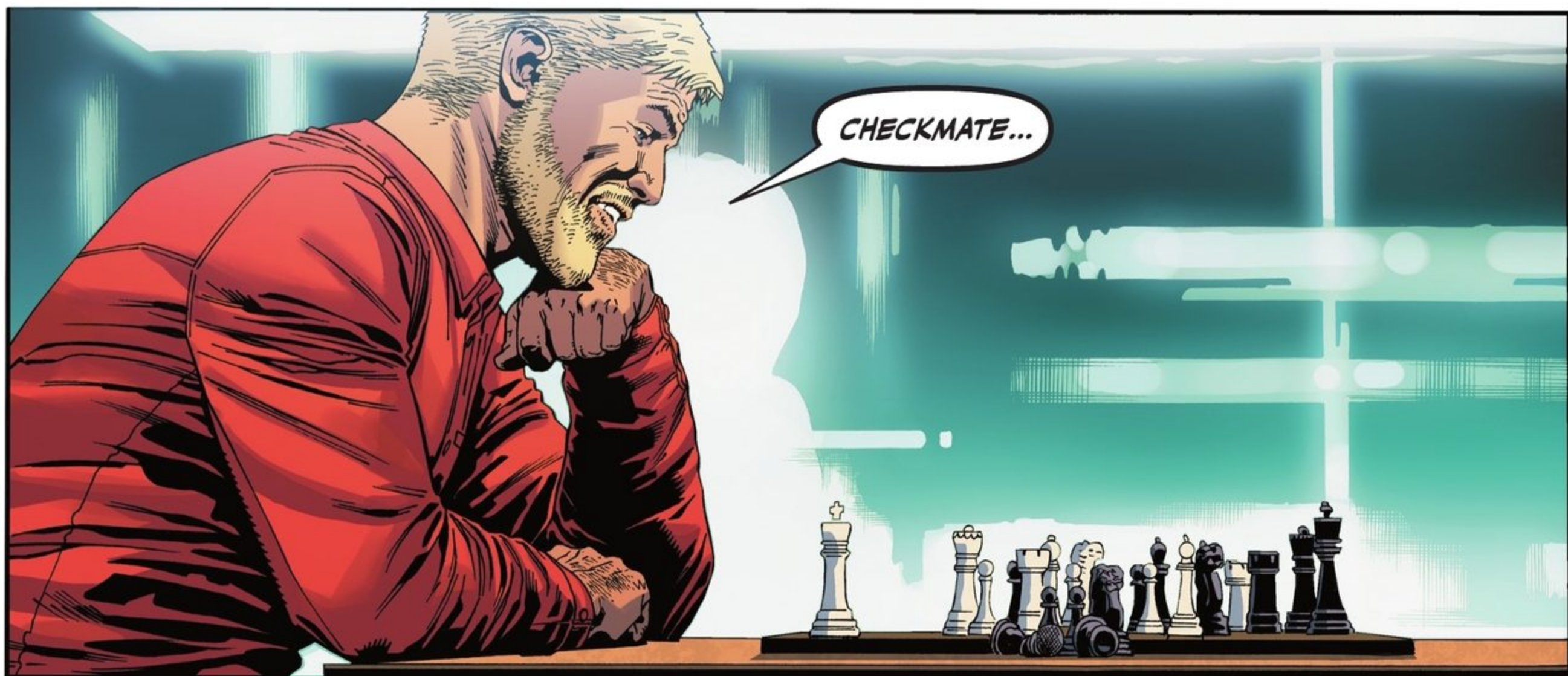
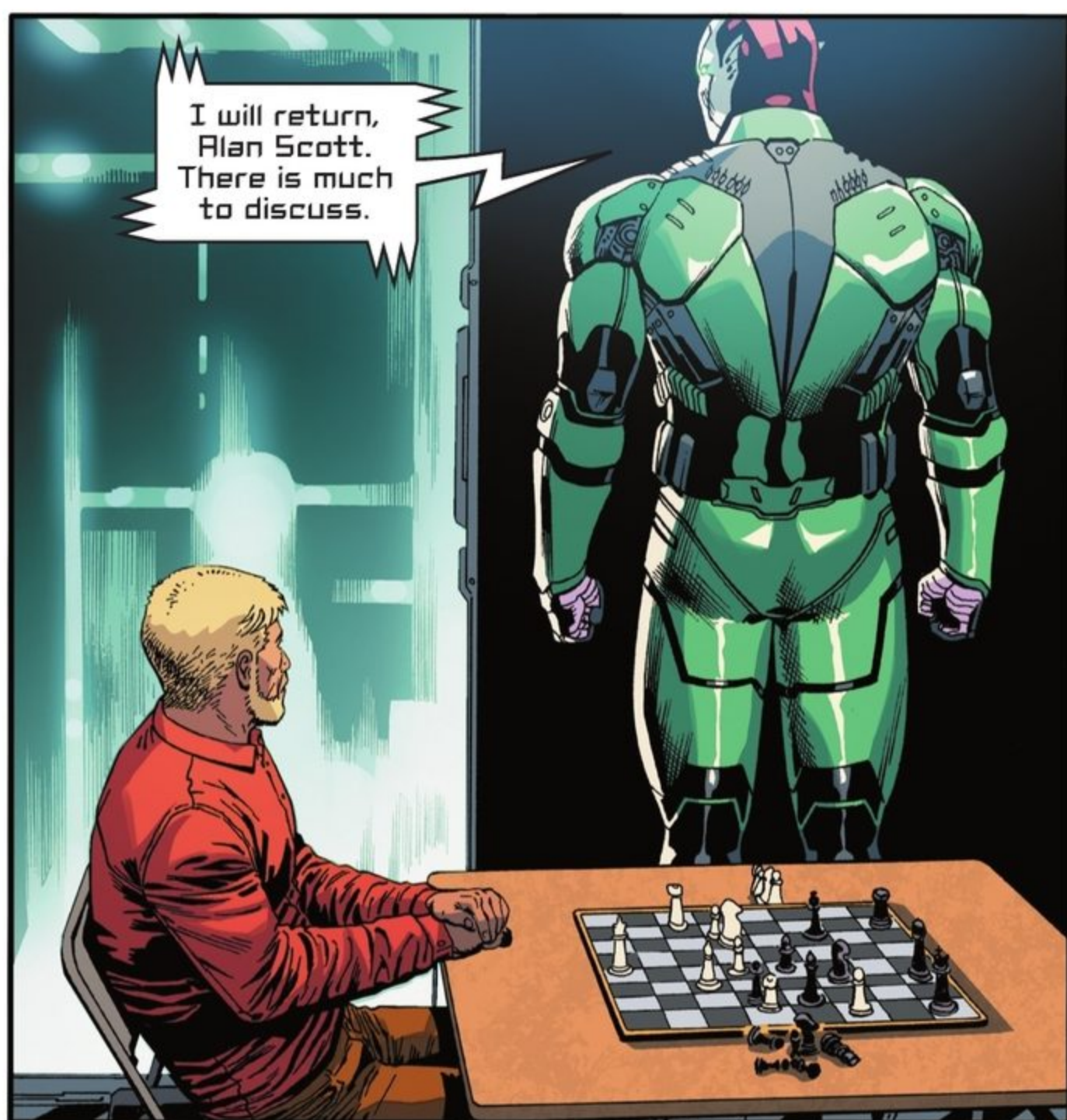
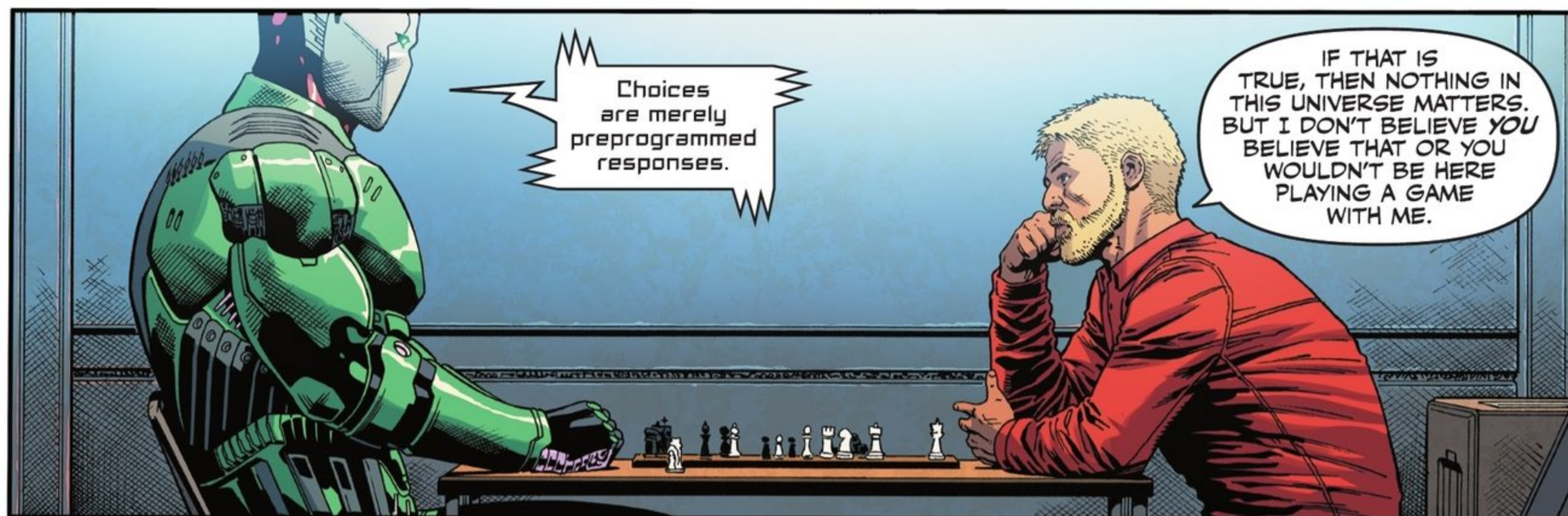
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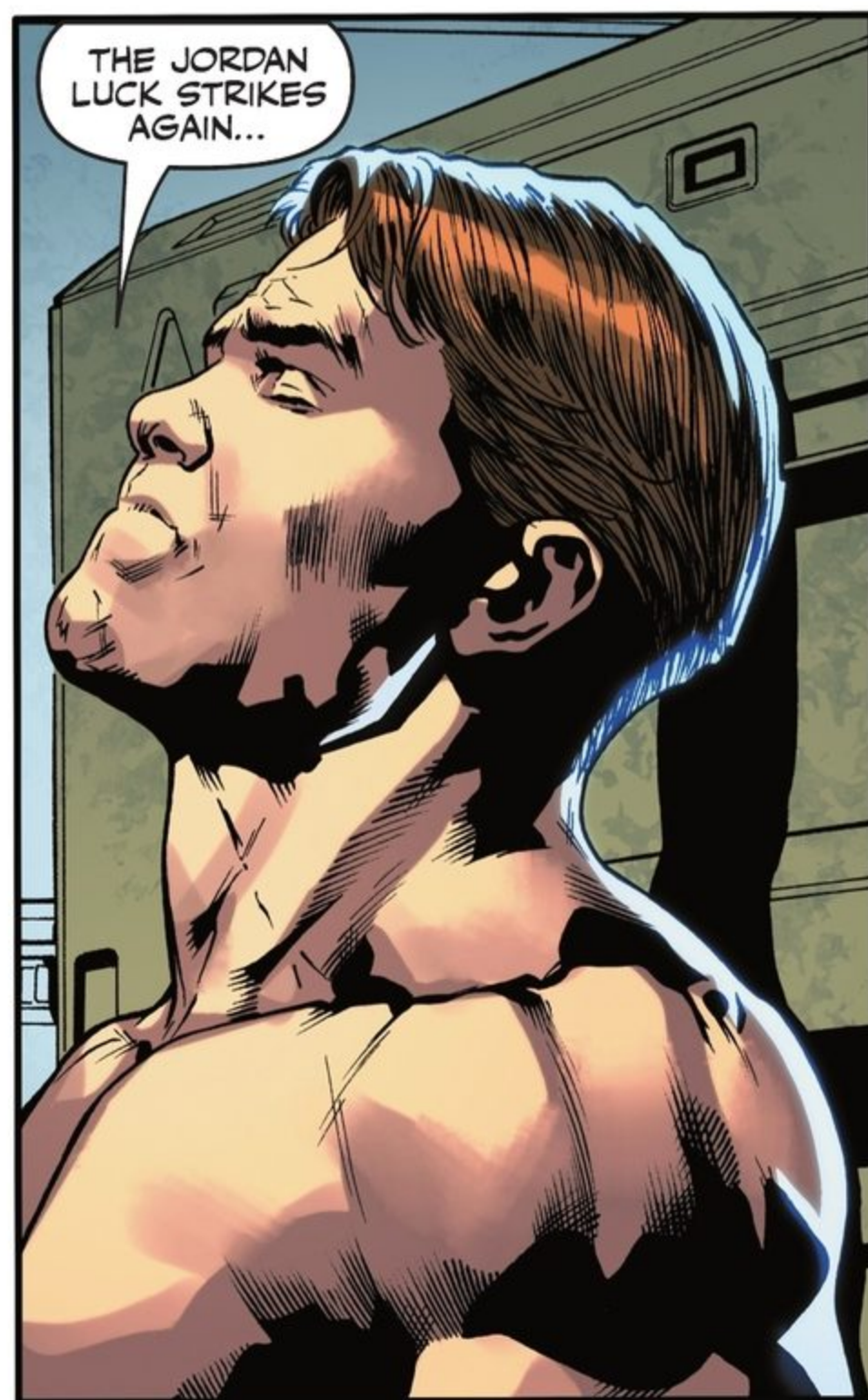
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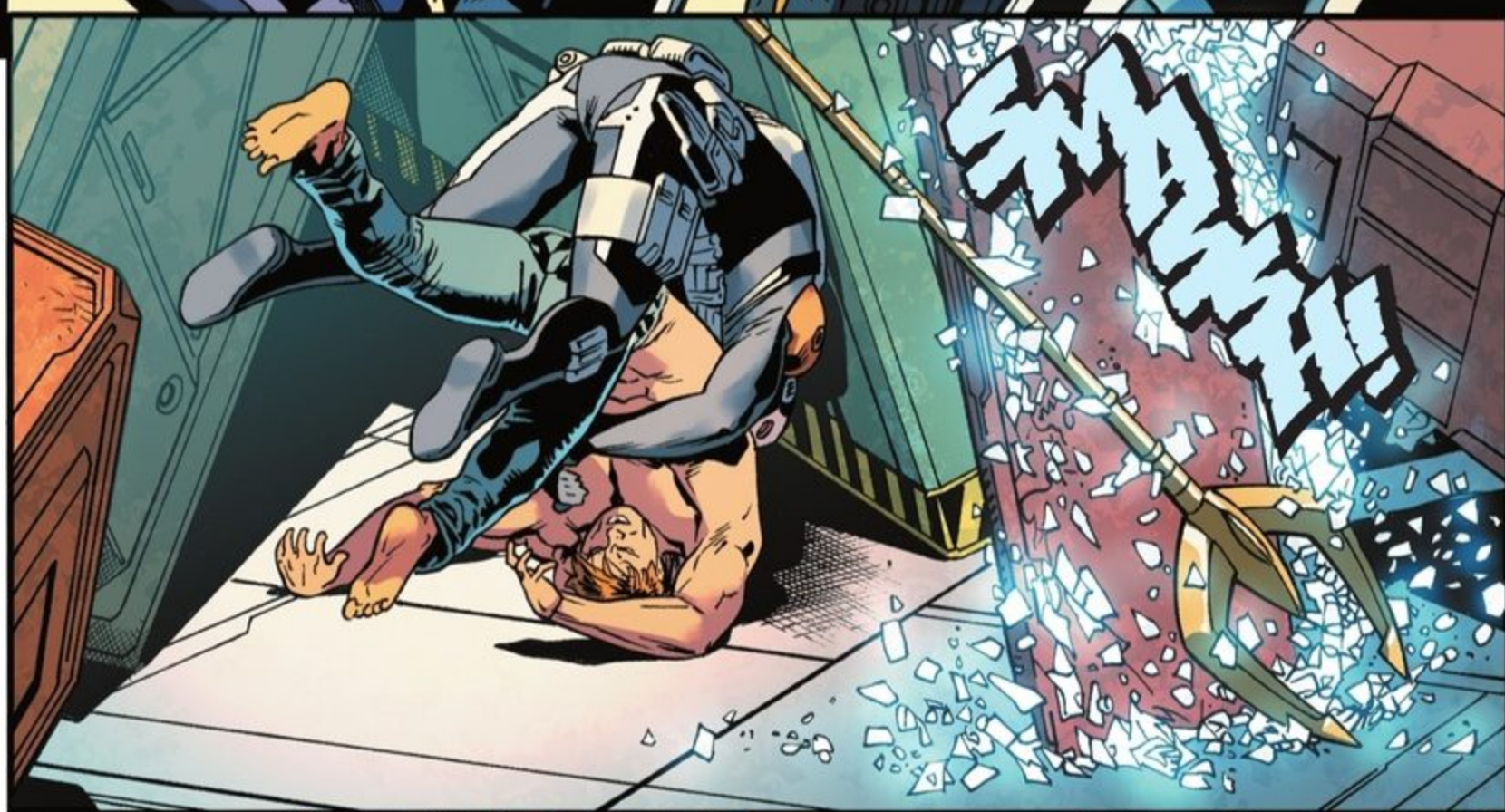
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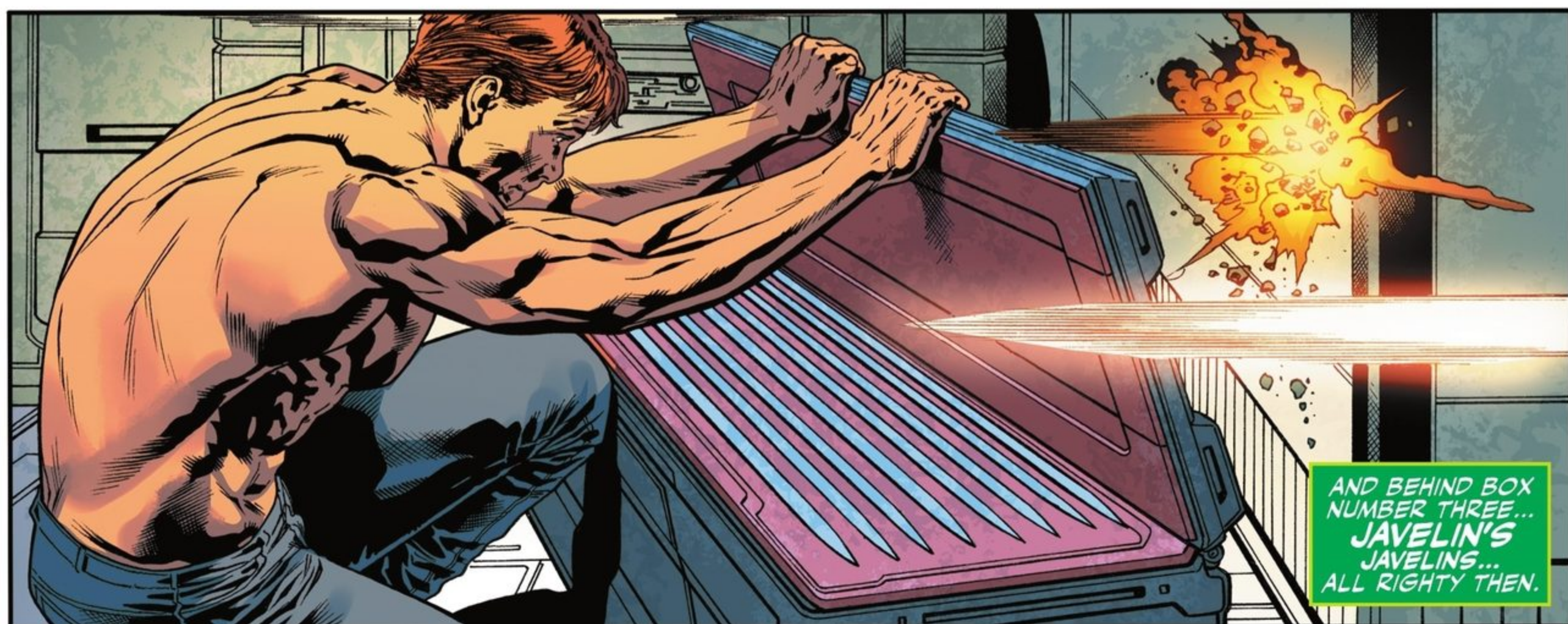
BECAUSE SOMETIMES, THERE IS JOY IN THE GAME. IN MAKING YOUR OWN CHOICES...

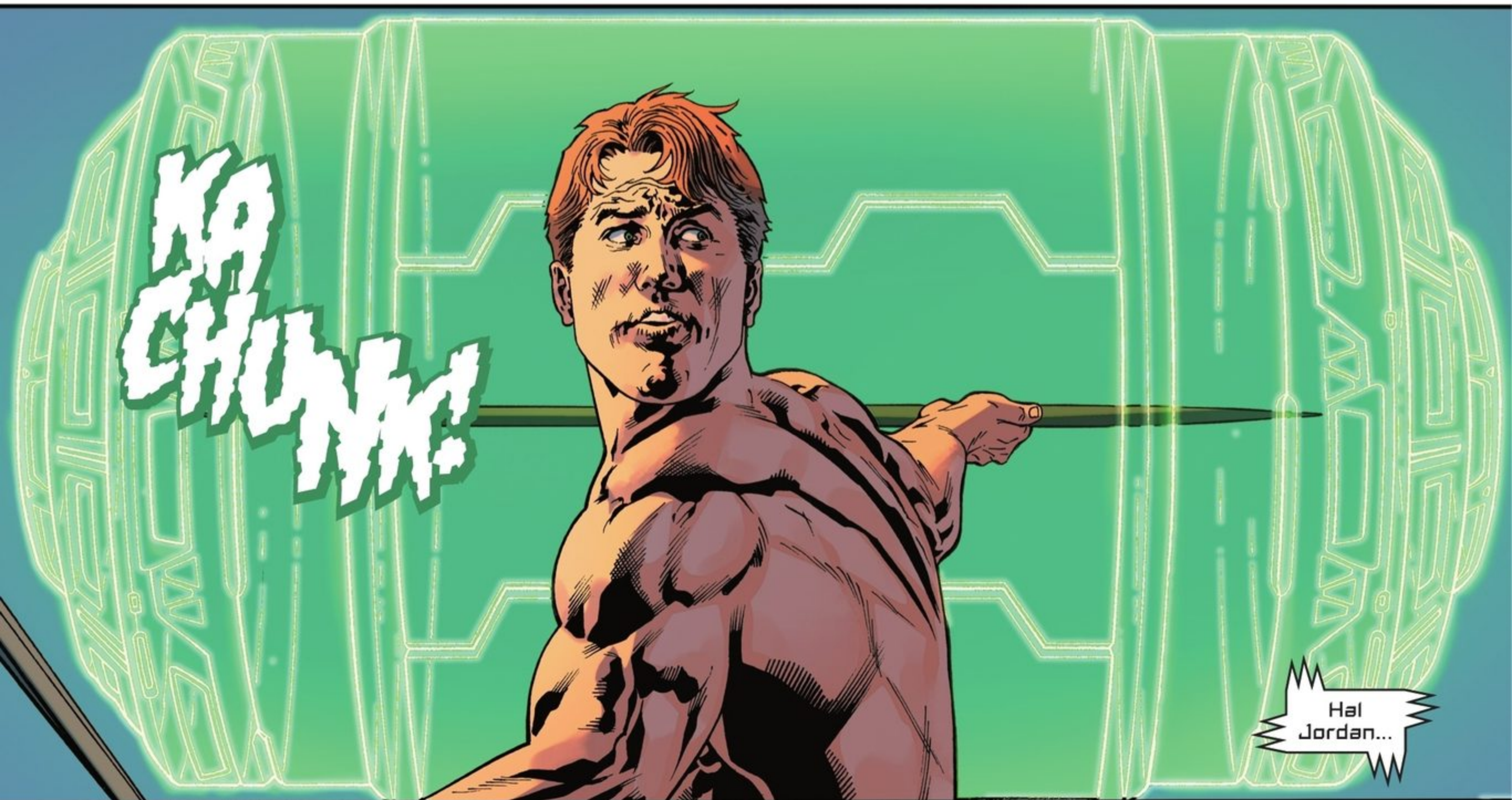


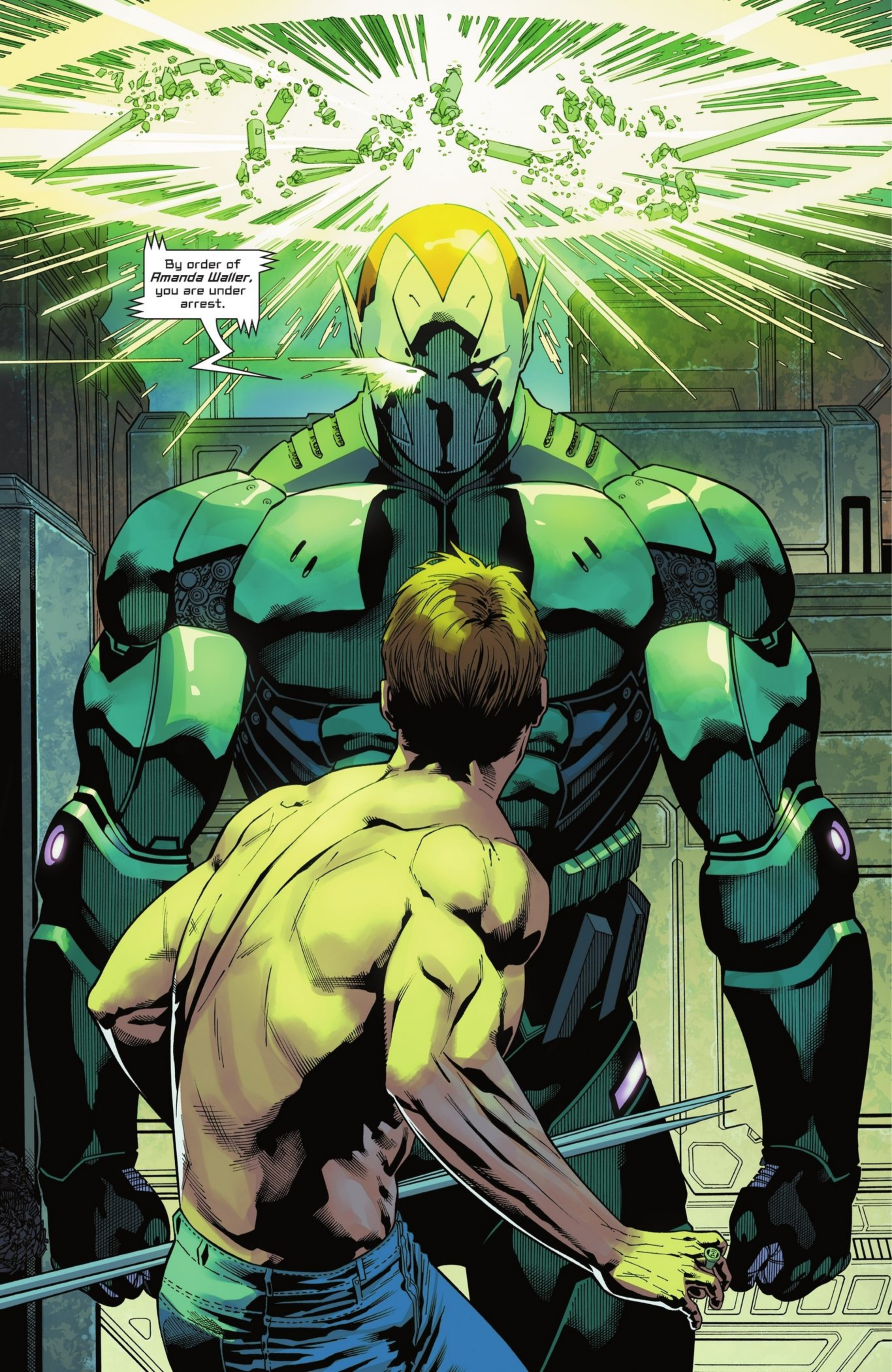












By order of
Amanda Waller,
you are under
arrest.



MY NAME IS
CAROL FERRIS.



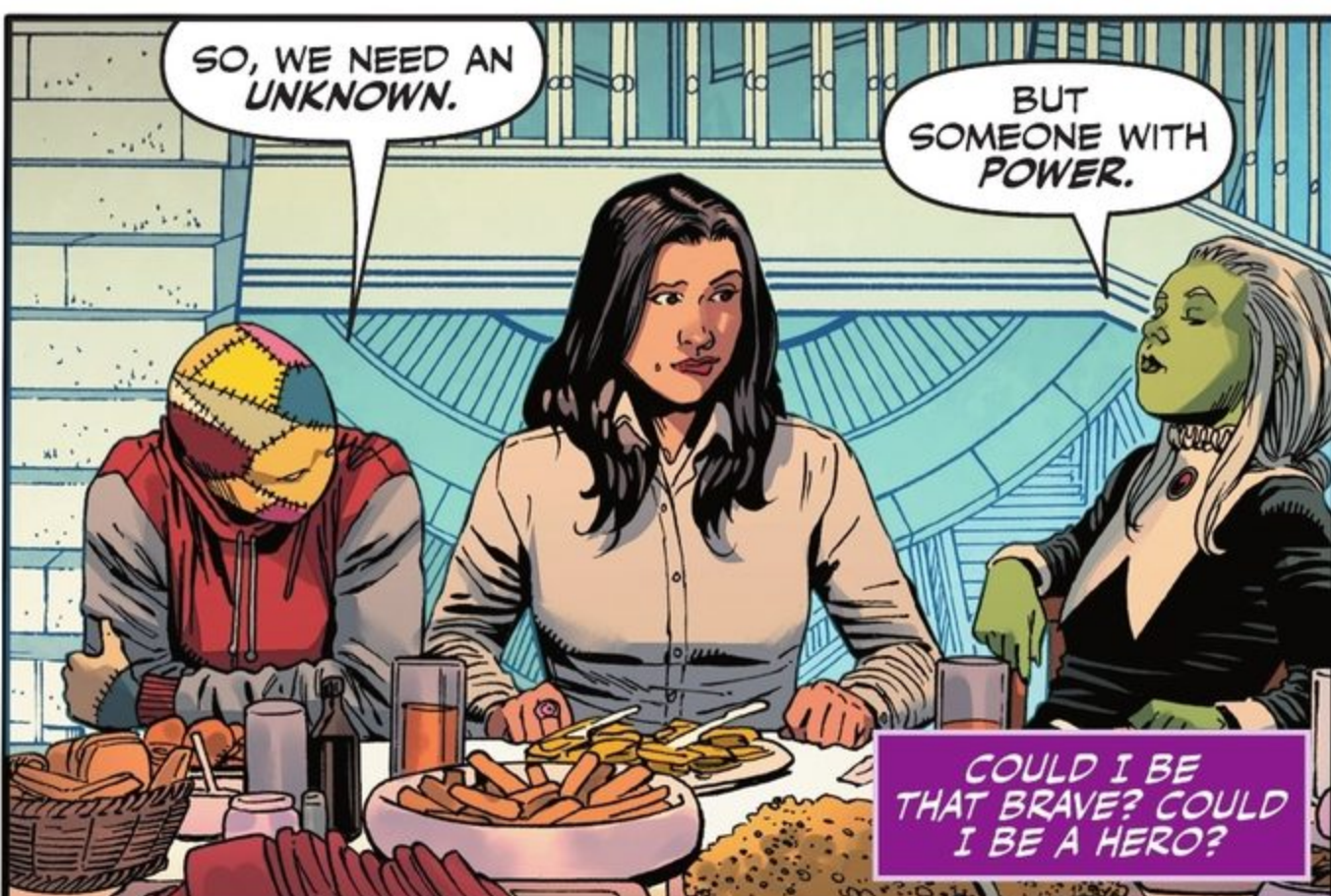
A FEW DAYS AGO, I WAS
RUNNING MY FATHER'S
COMPANY. HAD A HUGE
CONTRACT WITH THE
MILITARY...I WAS EVEN
ENGAGED TO A REALLY
GREAT GUY.



BUT THEN...I THREW IT ALL
AWAY FOR LOVE. AND NOW...

...FATE HAS
BROUGHT
ME HERE...*

*HOW DID CAROL GET
HERE? FOLLOW HER
JOURNEY IN
ABSOLUTE POWER:
TASK FORCE VII #3!





**GREAT HALL
OA.**

WE ARE
ALMOST
FINISHED...



HAL JORDAN IS
STILL OUT THERE.
HE *KNOWS* WHAT
WE ARE...

HAL JORDAN
WILL NO LONGER
BE A *PROBLEM*,
MY ESTEEMED
"AMBASSADOR"
FROM RANN.

OH?

YES. I'M
TOLD HE'S BEEN
NEUTRALIZED, LEAVING
THE *UNITED PLANETS
COUNCIL* TO GO BACK
TO THE IMPORTANT WORK
OF SAFEGUARDING
THE GALAXY.



I ADMIT, YOU HAVE DONE
MORE THAN ANYONE OF OUR
RACE COULD HAVE IMAGINED,
LORD PREMIER THAA'ROS,
BUT AT WHAT COST?

WE'VE DESTROYED
THE BATTERIES OF OA. WE
ALONE CAN MANIPULATE THE EMOTIONAL
SPECTRUM WITH THE POWER OF THE SOURCE
LANTERN. BUT IF THE RACES OF THE UNITED
PLANETS FOUND OUT WE WERE
MASQUERADING AS THEIR AMBASSADORS...
IT WOULD BE ALL-OUT WAR.

I SUGGEST WE USE *THE UNSEEING*,
MIND-WIPE THE CAPTURED AMBASSADORS
WE IMITATE, AND REVEL IN OUR SECURITY.



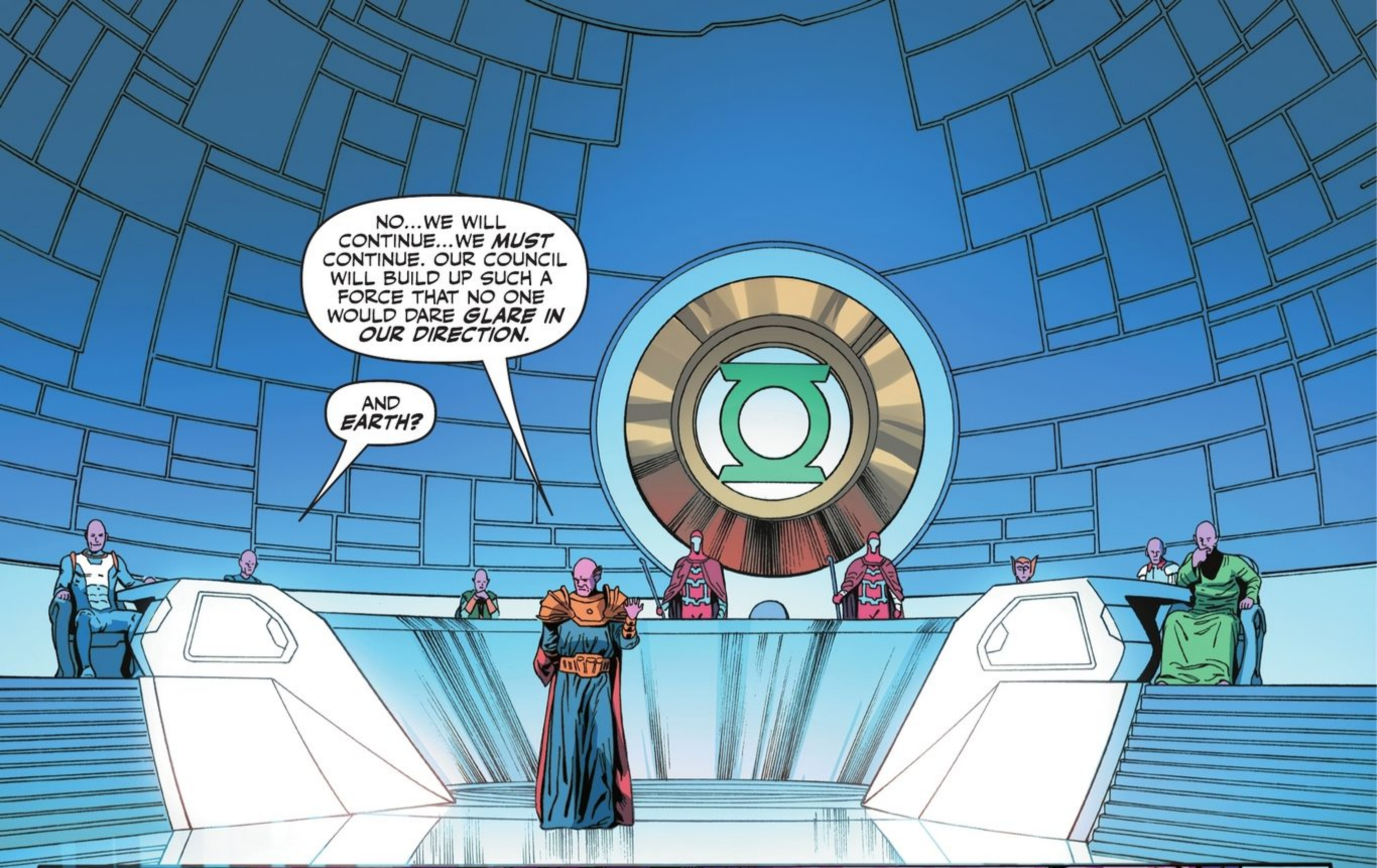
THERE IS *NO*
SECURITY!



HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE THE OANS
BEEN DEFEATED?

HOW MANY
TIMES HAS A GREAT
EVIL APPEARED OUT OF
NOWHERE TO WIPE OUT
THE UNIVERSE?

HOW MANY
TIMES HAVE THOSE
WITH POWER
THOUGHT THEY
WERE SAFE?



NO...WE WILL CONTINUE...WE **MUST** CONTINUE. OUR COUNCIL WILL BUILD UP SUCH A FORCE THAT NO ONE WOULD DARE **GLARE** IN OUR DIRECTION.

AND **EARTH**?



IT IS A BLUE SPECK IN THE INFINITE COSMOS. EVEN NOW THEY STRUGGLE TO STOP THEMSELVES FROM FALLING APART.

WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, WE WILL GIVE THEM THE CHOICE WE HAVE GIVEN SO MANY OTHERS.



OBEY... OR DIE.

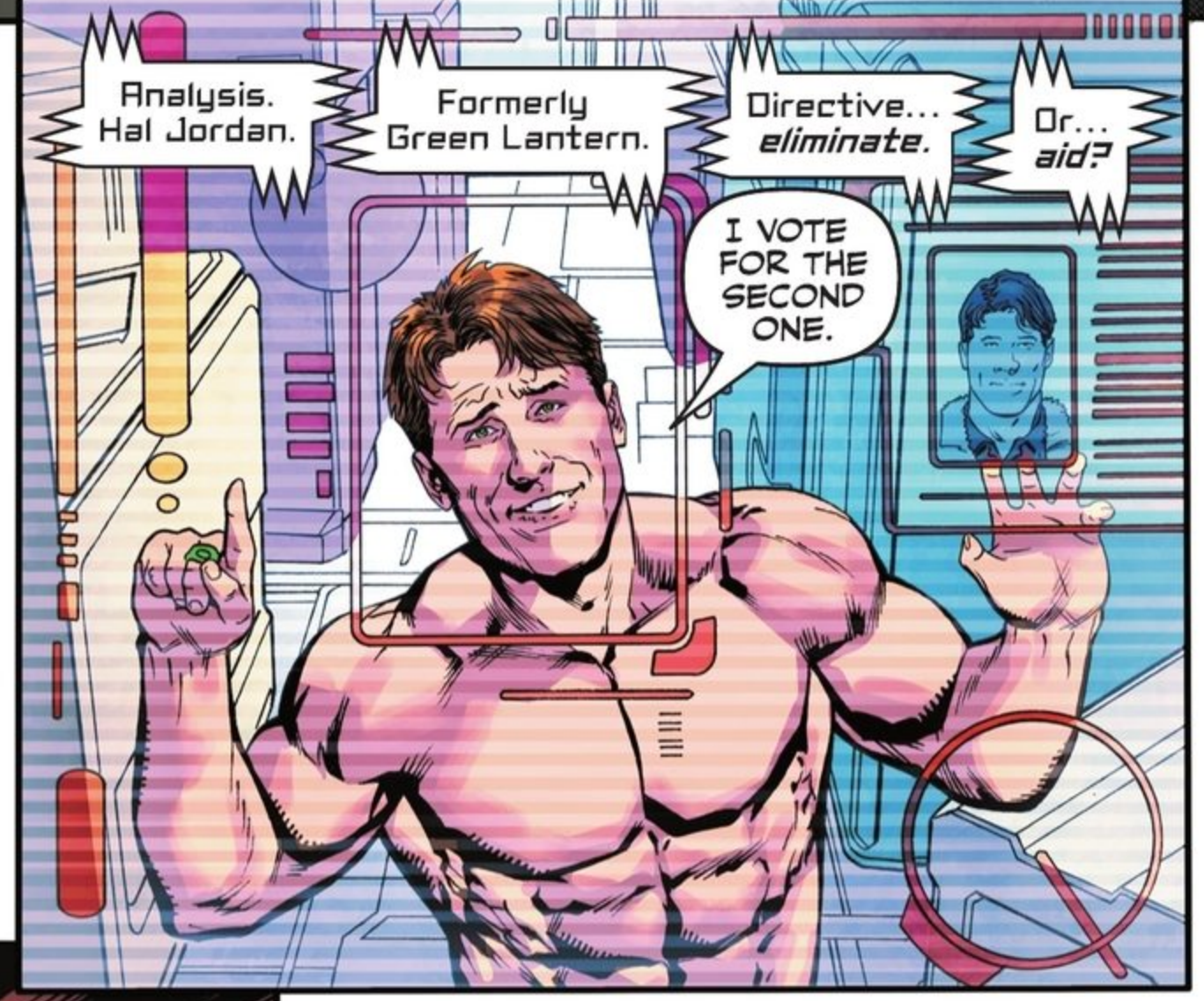
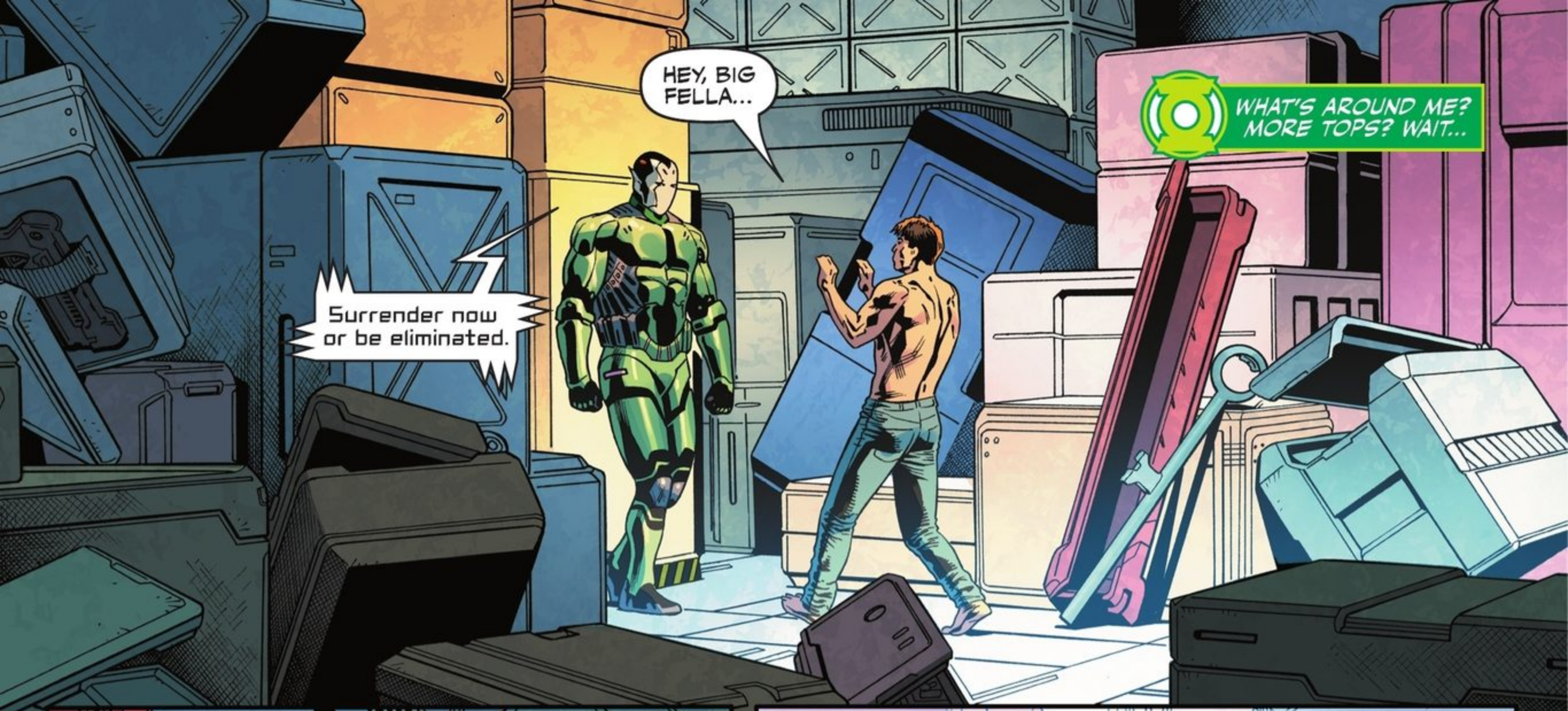


WE DID NOT DO THIS TO BE MURDERERS.

THEN GIRD YOURSELF, FARIN, FOR WE WILL BE CALLED MUCH WORSE BY THOSE WE'VE DEFEATED.

BUT TAKE HEART...FOR OUR HOMELAND WILL CALL US HEROES...







Speed Force
energy
initializing.



FWONK!

OOF!



Hal Jordan.
You have become
a liability.

A CRAZED,
OVERGROWN
ROBOT IS
ABOUT TO SQUASH
ME INTO THE
GROUND, AND
THE ONLY WEAPON
AROUND ME SEEMS
TO BE THESE
STUPID...STICK
THINGS.



MAYBE I CAN
DISTRACT IT...

WHAT I WOULDN'T
GIVE FOR CLARK
TO BE HERE...

HECK, I'D EVEN
TAKE BRUCE.



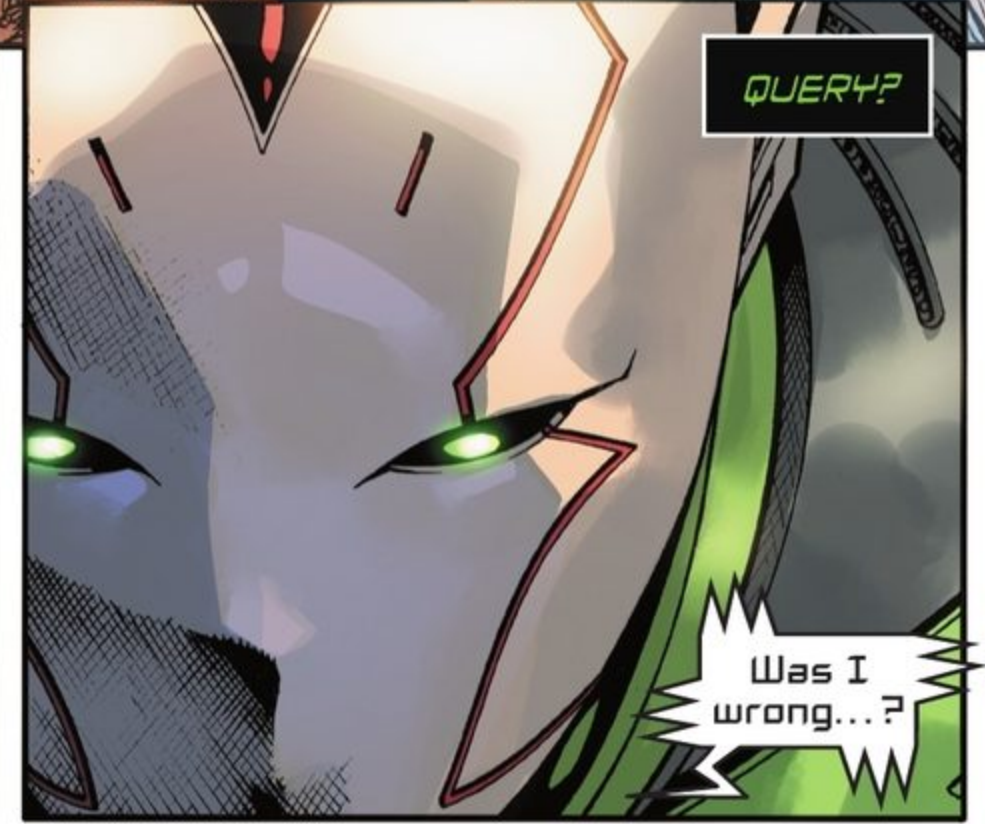
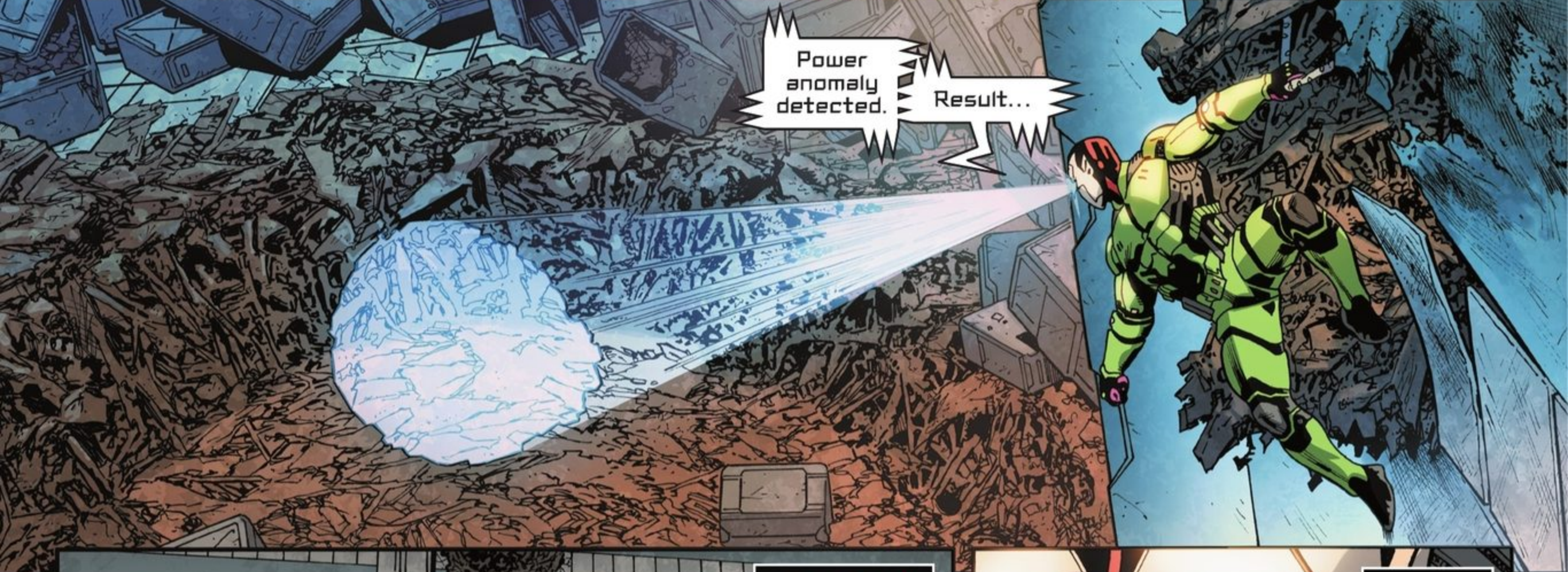
BUT ALL I HAVE IS A
STICK, WHICH I HOPE
BELONGS TO--

Stellar
energy
initializing...



ABRA KADABRA!

KAB!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!



ELSEWHERE.

HAL?
HAL...ARE YOU
OKAY?

WE'RE
COMPROMISED...
IF HE COULD
FIND US--



THE MYSCIRA SUPERHERO RESISTANCE HQ.

YOU
APPEARED A
FEW MOMENTS
AGO.

YOU'RE
SAFE, HAL.

SAFE
AMONGST
FRIENDS...

AND IT
WOULD SEEM
YOU BROUGHT
US SOME
PRESENTS...







**NEXT: STRIKE
ON THE HALL OF
ORDER!**

THE SHADOW LANTERNS

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MY NAME
IS SHYNT
D'PROBA.

I AM A MEMBER
OF THE RENOWNED
GREEN LANTERN
CORPS, THE MOST
POWERFUL ARMY
IN THE HISTORY
OF THE UNIVERSE.

I WIELD A RING OF
NEAR-INFINITE ABILITY...

...WHICH CHANNELS MY VERY
WILL INTO ENORMOUS MIGHT.



THE RELIGION OF MY PEOPLE
SPEAKS OF GODS WHOSE OWN
ABILITIES ARE BUT AN ECHO
OF WHAT I CAN DO. AND YET...

...I AM
LOST.





WHEN A GREEN
LANTERN FALLS...

...THEIR RING SEEKS
OUT THE NEXT CHAMPION
TO WIELD IT.



SOMEONE
NOBLE.



SOMEONE
BRAVE.



SOMEONE
WORTHY.





AT
LEAST...

...THAT'S WHAT I
HAD BEEN TOLD.

BUT THE TRUTH IS
RARELY SO SIMPLE.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WHEN
I FIRST JOINED THE CORPS,
BUT SOME OF THE LANTERNS
HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED.

BY THE VERY LEADER THEY
ARE SWORN TO SERVE.

LORD PREMIER
DURAS THAAROS.

THROUGH HIS AUTHORITY
AS LEADER OF THE UNITED
PLANETS, HE IS WELL POSITIONED
TO SEND LANTERNS...

...THOSE NOT PREDISPOSED
TO BE UNQUESTIONINGLY
LOYAL TO HIM...



...ON MISSIONS WHERE
THE ODDS OF SURVIVAL...

...ARE LOW.

AND, THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW OR FOR SURE,
I BELIEVE HE HAS FOUND A WAY TO MANIPULATE
THE RINGS' SEARCH FOR A SUCCESSOR.

...SOMEONE WHO
CAN BE MANIPULATED.



SUCH THAT
THEY NO LONGER
LOOK FOR SOMEONE
NOBLE OR BRAVE,
BUT RATHER...

CONGRATULATIONS, LANTERN D'PROBA. TO BE SELECTED TO JOIN THE CORPS IS THE HIGHEST OF HONORS.

I AM HUMBLER, LORD PREMIER THAAROS, AND SHALL ENDEAVOR TO BE WORTHY OF THIS GREAT HONOR.



WHAT IS IT?

I WAS UNAWARE YOU POSSESSED A RING YOURSELF, SIR.

OH. THIS BAUBLE? I'M AFRAID ITS ABILITIES ARE SOLELY HONORIFIC.

WOULD THAT I COULD WIELD THE MIGHT OF THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM AS YOU NOW CAN.

"SOMEONE WHO COULD BE MANIPULATED."





I DID NOT KNOW
ALL THIS AT FIRST,
OF COURSE.

THE DAY I LEARNED THE
TRUTH OR, AT LEAST,
CAME TO SUSPECT IT...



...WAS THE
DARKEST
OF MY LIFE.



SO CRUSHED WAS I--BROUGHT SO
LOW--THAT I ATTEMPTED TO END MY
LIFE...IN THE FAINT HOPE THAT IF MY
DEATH OCCURRED FAR ENOUGH AWAY
FROM THAAROS'S CONTROL...

...THERE WAS A CHANCE
MY RING MIGHT FIND A
SUCCESSOR WHO WOULD NOT
BE MANIPULATED AS I WAS.

BUT SUCH IS THE
MIGHT OF THE RING...



...THAT IT IMPOSES SAFEGUARDS
AGAINST SUCH ATTEMPTS.



I, OF COURSE, SHARED MY
QUALMS WITH ONE OR TWO
OF MY FELLOW LANTERNS...

IF
YOU THINK THIS,
YOU'RE A FOOL,
D'PROBA.



...BUT THE TRUTH IS
OFTEN AS DIFFICULT TO
SEE AS IT IS PAINFUL.

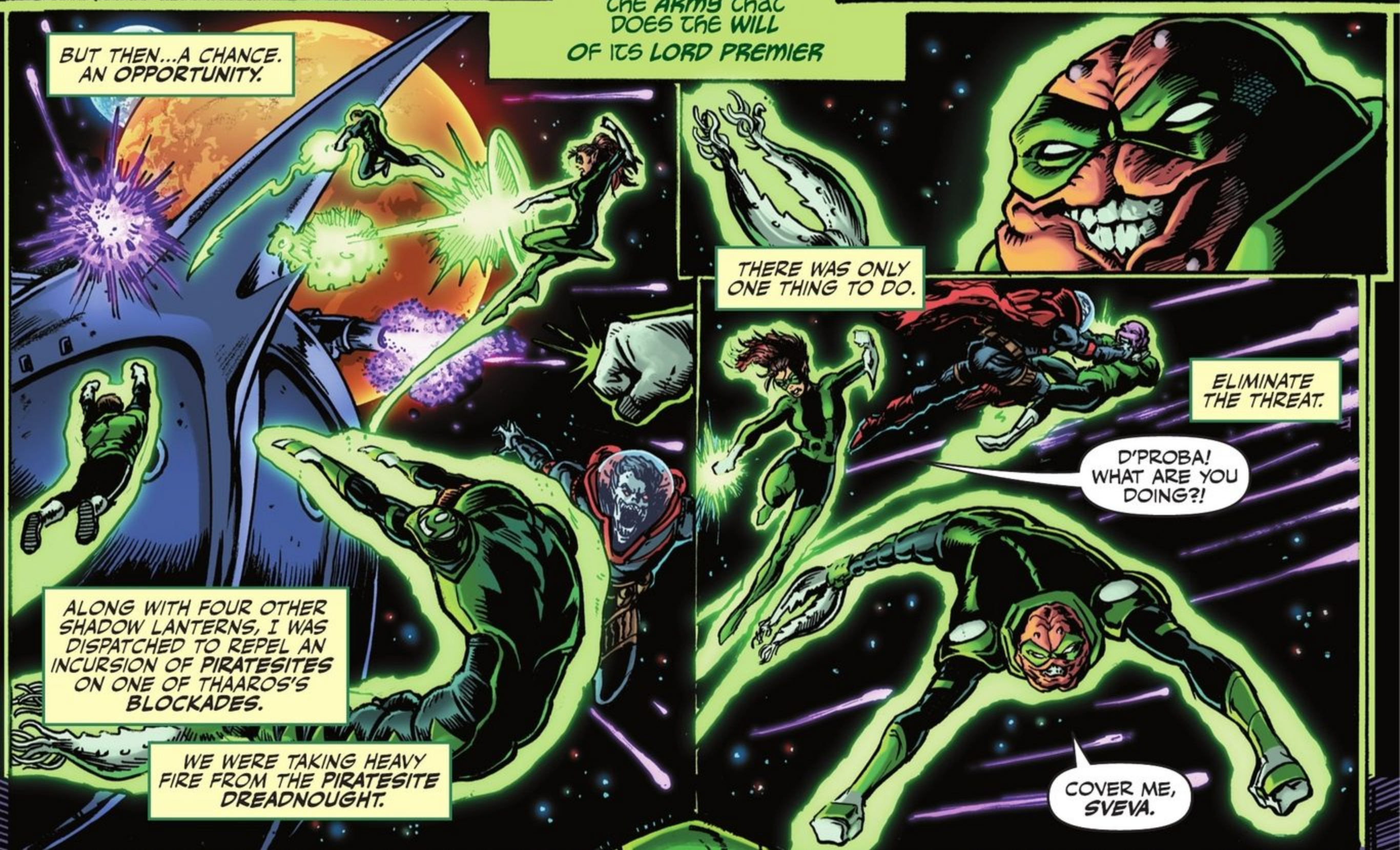


AND SO THIS SEGMENT
OF THE CORPS, THE
SUBGROUP UNDER THAAROS'S
THRALL AND THUMB...

...THE ONES
THAAROS CALLS
HIS SHADOW
LANTERNS...

...REMAIN THE MOST
POWERFUL PUPPETS
IN THE UNIVERSE.

IN DEEPEST SPACE
ON PLANETS
FAR AND NEAR
THE
SHADOW LANTERNS
NOW ARE HERE
AND ALL WHO
WOULD DO EVIL WILL
ALWAYS FEAR
THE ARMY THAT
DOES THE WILL
OF ITS LORD PREMIER



BUT THEN...A CHANCE.
AN OPPORTUNITY.

THERE WAS ONLY
ONE THING TO DO.

ELIMINATE
THE THREAT.

D'PROBA!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER
SHADOW LANTERNS, I WAS
DISPATCHED TO REPEL AN
INCURSION OF PIRATESITES
ON ONE OF THAAROS'S
BLOCKADES.

WE WERE TAKING HEAVY
FIRE FROM THE PIRATESITE
DREADNOUGHT.

COVER ME,
SVEVA.



I SURMISED THAT WHATEVER
INFLUENCE THAAROS HAD OVER
THE RINGS CAME FROM HIS OWN.

I PRAYED THAT INFLUENCE WOULD
WANE THE FARTHER THE RINGS
WERE FROM HIS PRESENCE.



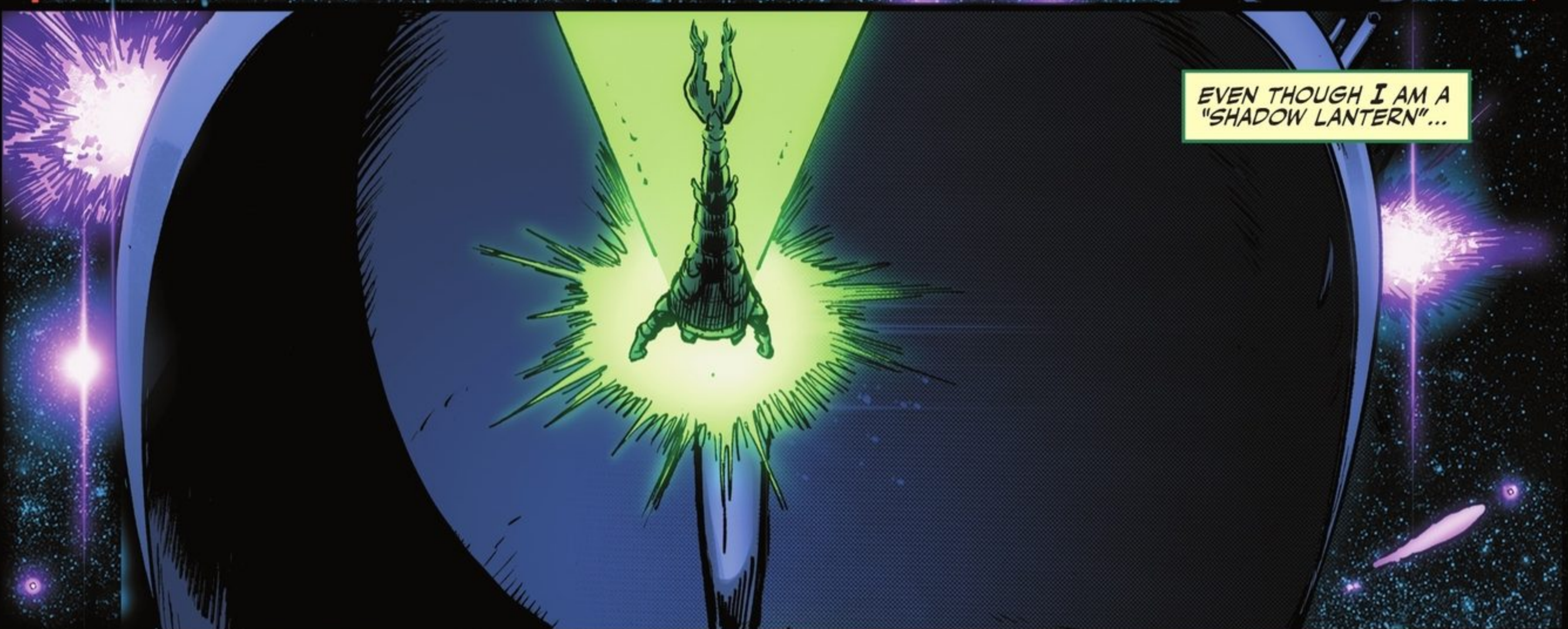
AND EVEN IF MY HOPES
WERE IN VAIN, MY COMRADES
STILL NEEDED SAVING.



EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE
"SHADOW LANTERNS"...



EVEN THOUGH I AM A
"SHADOW LANTERN"...



...WE ARE ALL
GREEN LANTERNS.



AND MAYBE...GODS
WILLING...MY RING
WILL BE FREE.

TO FIND
SOMEONE NOBLE.
SOMEONE BRAVE.

AND THIS
TIME...



...SOMEONE
WORTHY.



END.

WHO HAS JOINED THE TRINITY OF EVIL?

**TASK FORCE VII
DOMINATES THE DC UNIVERSE!**

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THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE FOR DC'S
HEROES, COURTESY OF THE SUPERSTAR TEAM OF
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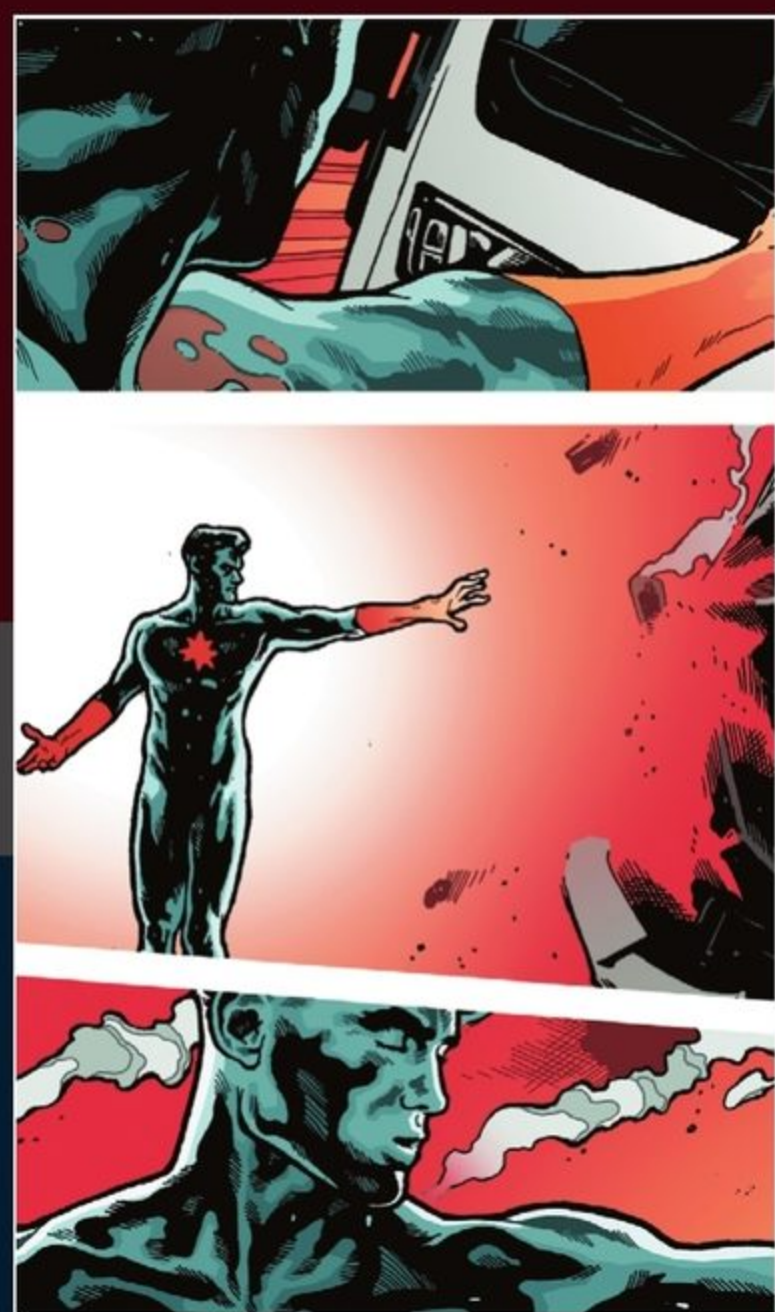


THE BLOCKBUSTER EVENT CONTINUES IN SEPTEMBER!

JENNY SPARKS

When Captain Atom goes rogue, threatening to destroy the planet he once swore to protect, it'll take one of DC's most unconventional heroes to stop him.

Jenny Sparks, the Spirit of the 20th Century, entered this Earth at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 1900, and hasn't stopped her crusade for justice since. In our world, Jenny Sparks debuted in *Stormwatch* #37, and soon became a fan-favorite character in the revolutionary series *The Authority*.



With a snap of her fingers, she can dig into the lives of the most powerful people on the planet and fight back against their corruption. This August, Jenny Sparks is resurrected in the 21st century for a brand-new adventure in a seven-issue DC Black Label series from Eisner Award-winning writer Tom King and rising star artist Jeff Spokes.



"*Jenny Sparks* is an epic, thrilling, mind-blowing series in the tradition of *Strange Adventures*, *Mister Miracle*, and *The Human Target*," King said. "*Jenny Sparks* seeks to set the bar in superhero comics, to show how our heroes can illuminate and define our moment."



King described *Jenny Sparks* as the character's mission to "save five men and women taken hostage by an out-of-control and infinitely powered Captain Atom. Through this lens, we'll explore the grip of Jenny's time on our own; how, despite all our desperate prayers, the sins of our past refuse to die away."



Art featured by Jeff Spokes

DON'T MISS JENNY SPARKS #1, ON SALE THIS AUGUST

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